
Subject: Re: Cloned Recovery Partition To New HDD Help
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The recovery partition was on the broken disk. The windows partition you cloned was broken before you cloned it (broken as in damaged, not properly readable). So you got a broken copy of your windows partition. The recovery partition might have survived, but it doesn't have the right MBR for it to load (which is most likely not the default windows MBR, or NTLDR doesn't have the entry for the recovery partition in boot.ini).

What you should do is this:

- 1) Wipe the LINUX disk
 - 2) Do a clean Windows install on it
 - 3) Connect the broken HDD
 - 4) copy ONLY the files you need to backup (documents and such) to a dir on the linux disk. This dir should not be my documents yet.
 - 5) Check if you can open the files properly, so you can be sure no files are damaged due to bad sectors.
 - 6) Copy the non-damaged files to my documents and make a list of damaged files, so you know what precisely you lost.
 - 7) ???
- Profit!
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